Special Status to States for additional assistance

† 1010. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which have been accorded the status of a special State by Government for providing additional assistance as special relief;

(b) the criteria for according the status of special State;

(c) the details of amount provided in the form of additional assistance to the above special status from the years 1994-95 to 1999-2000 to give them special relief year-wise; and

(d) the details of the works for which the additional assistance was provided to the States togethcrwith the details of the amount actually used by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) For allocation of Central Assistance for annual plans, the States have been categorised into special category and non-special category States. The special category States are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

(b) The criteria for according the status of Special Category States are generally hilly terrain, larger tribal population, inadequate infrastructure, proximity to the international border and overall backwardness in the socio economic sectors.

(c) and (d) Central Assistance for financing the annual plans is released as 90% grant and 10% loan to the special category States, as compared to 30% grant and 70% loan to other States. Apart from the normal formula based Central Assistance and Assistance under other schemes of State Plan available to all States, certain special relief is allowed to these States under State Plan by way of special plan assistance/loan/special Central assistance. Details of amount provided to the above Special Category States from the year 1994-95 to 1999-2000 are given in the enclosed Statement.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Releases under SPA/SCA/Spl. Loan/ACA/CRP for Special Category States from 1994-95 to 1999-2000.

(Rs. In crore)

Year/Item	Aruna-chal	Assam	H.P.	J&K	Manipur	Megha-laya	Mizoram	Nagaland	Sikkim	Tripura
1994-95										
SPA										
SCA				973.00						
Spl. Loan								12.00		
ACA	0.02	3.68	16.32		9.50	25.00	10.20	4.00	3.83	3.52
1995-96										
SPA										
SCA				378.00						
Spl. Loan			44.00							
ACA	31.00	1.75	5.35	8.25	0.40	0.57	22.00	5.00	16.05	10.50
1996-97										
SPA										
SCA				663.00						
Spl. Loan				100.00						
ACA		0.25		78.00	10.00		2.00	7.11	3.91	4.75
2.00										
1997-98										
SPA				200.00						
SCA				850.00						

Year/Item	Aruna-chal	Assam	H.P.	J&K	Manipur	Megha-laya	Mizoram	Nagaland	Sikkim	Tripura
SPL Loan										
ACA		10.00			23.10		28.13	2.25		3.22
										1998-99
SPA			100.00	250.00						
SCA				850.00						
Spl. Loan										
ACA	0.20	65.49	36.00	112.00	15.23	43.50	1.86	5.46	2.00	84.50
CRP(NE)	10.00	23.96			20.34	3.79	5.00	20.01		10.00
										1999-
SPA			69.00	300.00						
SCA				850.00						
Spl. Loan										
ACA	25.90	77.89	107.97	520.00		41.50	3.52	10.35	13.66	84.00
CRP(NE)	8.65	37.35			121.67	3.00	34.41	40.05	28.51	22.50

SPA:—Special Plan Assistance, SCA:—Special Central Assistance.
ACA:—Additional Central Assistance, CRP(NE)—Central Resource Pool for North-East.